

DOUSMAN HOTEL

Water Street, Saint Feriole Island, □Prairie du Chien

When it was built between 1864 and 1865, this three-story buff-colored brick structure was the largest and most luxurious hotel in town and showed just how far Prairie du Chien had come from its origins as a frontier outpost. It was sponsored by the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad, which did its part in helping make the town an important travel terminus. The hotel was used as a stopping point by thousands of emigrants to the West after the Civil War but closed ca. 1925. It later became a meat packing plant.